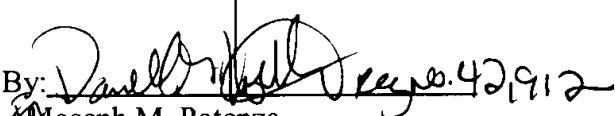


REMARKS

These remarks are responsive to the final Office Action mailed July 15, 2003. Claims 1, 5-15, 17-22 are pending in the present application. Claim 16 has been canceled without disclaimer. Claims 1, 5-15, 17-20 and 22 have been allowed. Claim 21 is now allowable in that it now depends from only allowed claims. No new matter has been added. The present application stands with allowed and allowable claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the application to issuance is respectfully requested.

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